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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] Rep't of Appropriations Comm, House of Rep's, *announcing a slash of \$1.3 billions in armed services budget*: "It is altogether unreasonable to believe that this or any other nation can, in this atomic age, provide 100% insurance for its protection against the disaster of an attack. We must strive to balance minimum defense needs against dangers of unbearable burdens on the economy."

[2] HARRY S TRUMAN: "You cannot balance, as if on scales, the desirability of spending a few billion dollars against the desirability of surviving as a free nation. We must spend whatever we have to spend to protect ourselves against a menace that threatens to wipe out our civilization."

[3] Gen JAS A VAN FLEET, former 8th Army Comdr in Korea: "I am disgusted with the luxury of America and the paucity of preparedness."
[4] JAWAHARLAL NEHRU, Prime Minister of India, *on S Korean threat to oppose landing of Indian repatriation*

Quote of the Week

Pres DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, *in a letter to Sir Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister*: "I look upon (your illness) as only a temporary deferment of our meeting. Your health is of great concern to all the world, and you must, therefore, bow to the advice of your physicians."

troops: "We are not sending our men to Korea to fight anybody. We shall be happy to send our troops in accordance with commitments we have undertaken when there are conditions for them to function peacefully."
[5] JOHN FOSTER DULLES, U S Sec'y of State, *on E Berlin riots*: "The unquenchable spirit of the people has been demonstrated. . . It is my long-held belief that Russia is over-extended." (*There is some belief that Berlin riots were originally inspired by Russians as "mild demonstrations" in order to dramatize their "control".*)

THIRTEENTH YEAR OF PUBLICATION



Churchill's illness provides a convenient valid reason for postponing the Bermuda conf. While he has been impatient to get under way with the talks (in order to clear the way for a later conf with Russia) there is no wish to meet until the Korean situation is more definitely determined.

The prospect continues for a Korean truce, chiefly because it holds advantages for all concerned. Rhee will have to be further placated, for practical reasons too involved to detail here. (A joker in the deck is that the POW's he turned loose would, in all probability, have been freed eventually anyway. An unpublicized clause in the proposed treaty document specified that if no satisfactory disposition of prisoners could be made within 120 days, they were to be termed "civilians.")

Congress oft works in devious ways. To judge solely from public prints, you'd picture Reed as con-

ducting a one-man blockade on excess-profits-tax issue. Realistically, a simple majority of Ways & Means Comm could have brought proposed legislation to vote. And of course a majority of the total group can, by petition, bring *any* measure to the floor of the House. Reed gets the publicity, but he obviously reflected the thinking of a lot of Congressmen who wanted to avoid a record vote. You may know fate of the EPT extension by the time you read these lines. The rush actually was not as febrile as intimated. Action can be made retroactive.

Everybody agrees we are growing too much cotton (too much of other commodities also.) Situation has been complicated by a battle between the "old" South and the Southwest, which has lately become a cotton factor. The Southwest wants a better break on acreage allotment. They won't get it; too many Southern Congressmen.

Add to Taft rep't: The Senator is feeling somewhat better. And he *will* attend concluding White House sessions on Taft-Hartley amendments. (Practically no chance now for action on the amendments until next yr.)



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Charles H. Miller of *Forbes*



ABILITY—1

Many men are able to make a place in the sun for themselves because they are a shade better than the next fellow.—*CPA Woman*, published by American Woman's Soc'y of Certified Public Accountants.

AMERICA—2

America is a seething chaos, in which things get the better of ideas.—ABRAHAM FLEXNER, *Universities, American, English and German*, (Oxford Univ Press).

ATOMIC AGE—3

Are atomic bombs at the root of this spring's wave of tornadoes? No, according to both the U S Weather Bureau and the Atomic Energy Commission — because A-bombs are too weak to affect the weather.

The flame of a bomb may bring a small fall of rain in its own area. But, considering the size of the earth, one bomb is like a match lit in the Sahara Desert: An ant might notice it, but that's all.—*Pathfinder*.

BEHAVIOR—4

Those human impulses which have seemed throughout our history to be deepest, to be most instinctive and unchangeable, to be most widely spread throughout mankind, i e, the impulse to hate, to be jealous, to be hostile, to be greedy, to be egoistic and selfish, are now being discovered more and more clearly to be acquired and not instinctive. They are almost

certainly neurotic and sick reactions to basic sit'ns, more specifically to frustrations of our truly basic and instinct-like needs and impulses.—Prof ABRAHAM MASLOW, quoted in *Arts & Architecture*.

BUSINESS—5

Businessmen are optimistic about the last half of 1953. Of 1261 execs interviewed by *Dun's Review*, 84% forecast profits equal to or higher than the last half of '52; 92% expected new orders equal to or higher than last yr; 65% expected net sales to rise; only 5% expected an employment drop.—*Look*.

CHRISTIANITY—6

An old lady listened intently as Missionary B P Emanuel, Takamatsu, Japan, taught his wkly Tues evening Bible class. Frequently she nodded her head to show her approval of his words about the risen Savior.

During the discussion period which followed she smiled and said, "The Christian faith is so comfortable." — JOHNNI JOHNSON, *Arkansas Baptist*.

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From the dwindling number of convinced Christians it seems unlikely that Gov'ts of the future will be recruited from men oversensitive to religious values. — Dr J C HEENAN, Roman Catholic Bishop of Leeds, England, *The Times*, London.

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Worried Congressmen won't vote themselves further income-tax relief, as planned. Angry constituents are raising too big a howl.

With talk of a falling economy, this joke is making the Washington rounds: "If we could stop the Democrats from giving us wars, and the Republicans from giving us depressions, we'd save this country yet."

Rep Wright Patmen (D-Tex) has given up effort to authorize two new coins—a bit (12½ cents) and a half-bit (6¼ cents), break-downs of two-bits (25c.) No support for his contention that new coins would have anti-inflationary effect for coin machines which now jump from nickel to dime, from dime to 15c.

Also, on the money front, Rep Edith Nourse Rogers (R-Mass) realizes she'll get no place trying to change color of different denominations of paper money, to make them easily distinguishable (\$1 bills green, \$5 bills red, etc.) She offered a bill after discovering she handed taxi driver a \$10 bill, got change for \$1.

Ike gave a razzing to big ranchers who came begging for emergency fed'l aid after one of worst droughts in Southwest history. "The last time I saw you fellows," he said, "you told me the only thing you wanted from the gov't was to be left completely alone."

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COMMUNISM—Democracy—7

If only both systems—communism and democracy—can look at one another in a spirit of humility and understanding, then each will find scope for improvement. When the req'd changes will have been made on both sides, then at last will there be a possibility that the people living under the two systems can combine their efforts against the one common danger of an atomic war, thereby contributing to the happiness of all humanity. If, on the other hand, we insist upon playing like children, drawing a line and saying, "If you cross this line I'll smash you," we will fail to resolve that which keeps us apart. — Sir SARVEPALLI RADHAKRISHNAN, quoted by DOROTHY NORMAN, "Talk With a Peacemaker," *Sat Review*, 6-27-'53.

COMMUNITY—Service—8

A community is more than a place and more than people. It is a commonwealth of duty and responsibility, and purpose and love. It takes the continued vigilance of every mbr of the community to get the community alive. There is always a terrible danger in being too comfortable and too secure in our little personal worlds.—*Survey*.

DEMOCRACY—9

The way to re-establish the faith of the intellectuals in the future of democracy in Japan is not to bring them all to the U S, as we did with the Chinese, but rather to convince them, in Japan itself, that in supporting rearmament we are building an army to defend and not to destroy democratic institutions. — GEO E TAYLOR, "The Japanese State of Mind," *Va Quarterly Review*.

Mining the Magazines



We hear the Democrats are doing uncommonly well in their mail-order solicitation of subscriptions for *Democratic Digest*. The mkt for propaganda is proving quite a revelation. They "gave away a million dollars worth" before discovering that it was a saleable commodity.

Honoring 150th anniv of Louisiana Purchase "the most momentous real estate deal in history" *National Geographic* includes in its June issue a large 10-color historical map of U S, with comprehensive record of the historic area.

Faulkner Studies, quarterly devoted to criticism, essays, bibliographical information about works of Wm Faulkner, is now published in Minneapolis. Staff is comprised of graduate students of Univ of Minn, but is independent.

Geoffrey L Pratt, in *Canadian Business* (June) tells of an ingenious Toronto panhandler who, for several mo's, during construction of Bank of Nova Scotia bldg, picked up a tidy sum daily informing the curious as to bldg progress. Noting a spectator trying to count the stories of steel framework, 'Orace would sidle up: "Gor, Mac, yer needn't bother wi' thet—thet's wot I'm 'ere for. Them chaps is workin' on the 22nd deck. Gettin' blarsted 'igh, ain't it?" He would then collect a shilling ("sy'e 20c in this 'ere money") for the information.

The grass actually is greener in the other fellow's yd, declares Dr R T Murroughs, prof of psychology, Northern Ill College of Optometry. Writing in *Jnl of American Optometric Ass'n*, he explains: "Further pastures actually are greener to the eye. Colors lose their purity as light passes thru the atmosphere, so that distant objects appear a darker shade of color."

The China Review, published continuously for more than 35 yrs, at Shanghai, is suspending. Publisher John W Powell will ret'n to the U S. Originally a wkly, the *Review* has in recent yrs been published monthly. Once (under present publisher's father) a staunch supporter of Chinese Nationalists, it has, in past few yrs been little more than a Red propaganda organ.

True West, the slick quarterly with which Joe Small, of Austin, Tex, purposes to battle some 40-odd luridly fictional versions, is doing so well on the newsstands that print order for 2nd issue will be doubled, bringing the quantity to 100,000. "If you're interested in the West," says Small, "you ought to like it dished out the way the pioneers really found it."

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Recipe for Trouble

Take one loud mouth and soak in its own egotism until tender, add a few strips of grated nerves, a diced pod of vanity and a generous cup of ignorance. Cook quickly over the front burner of a hot temper, garnish with a few green sprigs of self-importance and serve on warm platters which have been rubbed with a trace of jealousy.—DOUGLAS MEADOR, *Matador* (Tex) *Tribune*. 10

EDUCATION—11

It takes a pound of instruction to produce an ounce of assimilation.—ISOLINA RIBERIO FLORES, *Chicago Schools Jnl*.

FOREIGN RELATIONS—12

If you want a fast check on today's for'gn policy, all you have to do is see the UN, NATO, France, Britain, the White House, Pentagon, Senate For'gn Relations Comm, House For'gn Affairs Comm, both Armed Services comm's, Dulles, Stassen and McCarthy.—*Washington News*.

Simply transplanting the highly developed American techniques of advertising and public relations to a for'gn land can produce great blunders. What sells soap in Indiana can unsell democracy in India. What amuses Czechs can offend Chinese.—EDW W BARRETT, *Truth is Our Weapon* (Funk & Wagnall).

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HEALTH—Mental—13

According to the Nat'l Ass'n for Mental Health, one out of every 12 children born in the U S this yr will spend some part of life in a mental hospital; and one out of every 16 already operating in this vale of troubles is presently suffering some mental disorder. Mental illness is the nation's No 1 health problem; there are as many patients in mental hospitals as in all other hospitals combined.—HELEN LAWRENSON, "New York: Crack-Up City," *Esquire*, 7-53.

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To take care of mental-disease victims, our states and the Fed'l Gov't spend over \$500 million annually. Yet, for 1953, funds for research against these infinitely costly maladies total less than \$3 million; barely three fifths of a cent out of every dollar we spend just feeding and housing patients we do not know how to cure.—ALBERT Q MAISEL, "Is Mental Disease Mental?" *Ladies' Home Jnl*, 7-53.

HEAVEN—14

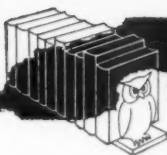
A little Swedish girl was walking with her father under the starry sky. Looking up to the sky she said: "Father, I have been thinking that if the wrong side of heaven is so beautiful, what will the right side be?"—*Arkansas Baptist*.

IDEAS—15

Hospitality meets its greatest test when a new idea drops by uninvited.—RAYMOND DUNCAN, *Ellaville* (Ga) *Sun*.

KNOWLEDGE—16

Never get mad at anybody for knowing more than you do. It's not their fault. — *Elizabethtown* (Ky) *News*.



Book Briefs

It was Dr Sam'l Johnson, as we recall, who counseled that, setting forth on a journey, one should put aside a specified sum, plainly marked, "To be Robbed of." This, the good doctor declared, would add immeasurably to the tranquillity of travel. David Dodge's new book, *The Poor Man's Guide to Europe* (Random) may not preclude the need for such a sum. It should, however, reduce it to a minimum. And certainly it, too, will add to the tranquillity of travel. The publishers herald this as "A masterpiece of miserly know-how that's fun to read before you go, while you're going, when you get there, after you come back—and if you never go at all." The author is careful to point out that this is not a guidebook; it contains no current information. "There are tricks to any trade, travel as well as piano-moving, by which an end can be reached economically and without strained muscles. . . . This is a collection of those tricks."

We commend, in particular, the author's philosophy of for'gn travel: "You can, for a price, buy (in Europe) an imitation of the American way of life—American hotels, American breakfasts, American cocktails and hamburgers. But these, like all imports, cost far too much, and you would do better for yourself, if this is what you want, by going to Yellowstone Nat'l Park. . . . A visitor to Europe who (lives) as Europeans do will find

An informant at the Univ of Washington tells us that Buschk's *Sex Habits* is filed (in accordance with a suggestion of the Library of Congress) in their library under Applied Science.—*Pleasures of Publishing*, Columbia Univ Press.

the offerings novel, interesting and economical."

If your ambition extends beyond European travel, there is, we hasten to say, *A Guide to the Moon*, by Patrick Moore (Norton.) But in all fairness, we should warn you that the moon is going to disintegrate. This information we have on the authority of a couple of esteemed scientists, writing in a forthcoming *Science-Fiction Plus* (Aug). Since this calamity is not expected for another billion yrs, if you act promptly you may have time for your pilgrimage and safe ret'n.

Seriously, of course, this isn't precisely a Baedeker to the astral regions. The author is a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and Sec'y of its Lunar Section. Text gains greatly from the fact that he is an active lunar observer. Chapter on changes of the lunar surface is fascinating. A book for the scholar, but laymen won't get lost in a lingual labyrinth.

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Laus Deo!

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER wrote his memorable poem, *Laus Deo!* (Praise (be) to God!) on hearing bells ring to mark ratification of the 14th Constitutional Amendment. This Amendment, motivated to protect the civil rights of Negroes, became effective July 28, 1868. We present the 1st two and last two stanzas of the poem:

It is done!

Clang of bell and roar of gun
Send the tidings up and down.
How the belfries rock and reel!
How the great guns, peal on peal,
Fling the joy from town to town!

Ring, O bells!

Every stroke exulting tells
Of the burial hour of crime.
Loud and long that all may hear,
Ring for every listening ear
Of Eternity and Time!

It is done!

In the circuit of the sun
Shall the sound thereof go forth.
It shall bid the sad rejoice,
It shall give the dumb a voice,
It shall belt with joy the earth!

Ring and swing,

Bells of joy! On morning's wing
Send the song of praise abroad!
With a sound of broken chains
Tell the nation that He reigns,
Who alone is Lord and God!

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LANGUAGE—17

Platitudes are only epigrams in steady jobs.—*Times of Brazil*, Sao Paulo.

LIFE—Living—18

The only aristocracy that has lasted for 3,000 yrs is the aristocracy of those who refuse to lead the unexamined life. — CLIFTON FADIMAN, *New Outlook*.

MARRIED LIFE—19

Whether a fellow winds up with a nest egg or a goose egg depends a heap on the kind of chick he married. — MARY LOUISE WRIGHT, *DeWitt* (Ark) *Era-Enterprise*.

MONEY—20

One day a rich man came to see a less fortunate friend and, as usual, began to brag. "Just a minute," said the friend. "Look out thru the window and tell me what you see."

"I see people," ans'd the rich man. Then the friend led the braggart to a mirror. "What do you see now?" he asked.

"Myself, of course," said the rich one. The friend then said, "Observe—in the window there is glass and in the mirror there is glass. But the glass in the mirror has had a little silver added to it, and no sooner is that little bit of silver added than you cease to see others and see only yourself."—*Lion*.

MONOTONY—21

In recent yrs there is much less talk of the "monotony" of factory work. This is due to the fact that each individual worker is shown how his share fits in with the mighty work as a whole. — DR ADOLF ZEDDIES, "Ist Fabrikarbeit langweilig?", *Psychologisches Heften*, Bad Homburg (QUOTE translation).

Pathways to the Past



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Week of
July 26-Aug 1
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Harvest Festival (Aug) Nat'l Cerebral Palsy Wk (1-7)

July 26—Festival of St Anne. . . Remember that "do-nothing" 80th Congress? 5 yrs ago today they met in special session, called by Pres Truman; adjourned 11 days later without significant action.

July 28—85th anniv of ratification of 14th Amendment, a post-Civil War action affording equal protection to all citizens under law. (See *Gems of Yesteryear*.)

July 29—Feast of St Martha. . . *Feast of St Olaf* (King of Norway and patron saint since 1164). . . 180 yrs ago children regretfully watched completion of 1st school-house west of Allegheny Mtns (Schoenbrunn, Ohio). . . 20 yrs ago cornerstone was laid for 1st Fed'l Narcotics Sanitorium, Lexington, Ky.

July 30—As Ford Motor Co celebrates its 50th anniv, let us recall that industrialist Henry Ford was born 90 yrs ago today (d, '47). . . 55 yrs ago today Pres McKinley outlined terms on which U S would accept peace in Spanish-American War.

July 31—Feast of St Ignatius De Loyola (Founder of Jesuit order). . . Uncle Sam ate on dishes of his own manufacture for 1st time, 35 yrs ago. (U S had always imported china ware for Executive Mansion. War cut off supplies. A complete set of U S-made dishes

10 Years Ago

From the files of QUOTE:
NORMAN THOMAS, perennial Socialist candidate for U S presidency, *expressing a remarkably accurate forecast:* "Without waiting for a peace-table, Stalin has shown that he is not going to permit a British-American army to police Germany. . . He's in a position to block it. His army may reach Berlin 1st." (*Statement of late July, 1943.*)

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was del'd to White House July 31, 1918). . . Internat'l Airport, Idlewild, N Y (world's largest) dedicated by Pres Truman 5 yrs ago.

Aug 1 — Lammas Day (English festival of the wheat harvest, dating from Saxon times). . . *Swiss Independence Day* (marking a perpetual league for defense amongst the cantons, dating from 1291). . . San Francisco's picturesque cable cars began operation 80 yrs ago today. . . Some U S soldiers of an earlier era well remember this date. In Aug, 1918, 10,000 American soldiers joined with Allies in occupation of Vladivostok and its hinterland in Siberia. Occupation lasted until Jan '20. (One soldier of the expedition who declared at the time he didn't expect to get warm for 50 yrs has, if living, 15 yrs more to go!)

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"Of all things!"

In the early period of War I a culinary concoction, known from pioneer days as German fried potatoes became suddenly rechristened "Liberty" potatoes. The bewildered dish never quite recovered from the shock. Gradually it disappeared from menus; restaurant folk grew weary of explaining. We haven't encountered a public serving of the delectable commodity for these too-many yrs.

In the realm of the fancy hucksters there is a fruit that is just now becoming known again as the Japanese persimmon. Sometime in the remote past the tree presumably originated in the island kingdom. The fruit vendor got his wares from the impeccable soil of Sanford, Fla, but during the yrs of War II it languished in his stalls under the unfamiliar term of "large" persimmons. We were at war with Japan, and it wasn't nice to intimate that anything of worth could have originated there.

Now, "red" is the word horrific. A bacteriologist friend confides it is no longer good form to refer to "red cells" in speaking of erythrocytes. And here's the crowning calamity: In Cincinnati, a baseball team long known as "the Reds" (a term derived from the cerise coloring of their hosiery) has been rechristened the (ugh) *Redlegs*. Which is approximately equivalent to calling the *Bums* the *Brooklyn Boeotians*. We hope the fans rebel!

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NORMALCY—22

Two things worry me these days—one, that things may never get back to normal, and the other, that they are already there. — *Pipe Dreams*, hm, Universal Concrete Pipe Co.

OBSTACLES—Overcoming—23

Obstacles are put in your way to find out whether you really wanted a thing or whether you just thought you did.—*Grit*.

PERSONNEL—24

In judging the worth of an employe, we should learn to look for what he *has* and *is* before we write him off for what he *hasn't* and *isn't*. — *Mgt Briefs*, hm, Rogers, Slade & Hill.

PESSIMISM—Optimism—25

Johannes Brahms and Gustav Mahler once took a walk together in Ischl, near Salzburg. The old master contended that there were no great composers any more and that the end of creative music had occurred. The two had just arrived at the bridge of the Ischl River. Mahler pointed down to the stream and said, "Look, here comes the last wave."—THEODOR REIK, *A Psychologist Looks at Love*, (Farrar & Rinehart).

PRAYER—26

After Florence Chadwick's 1st swim across the English channel alone in 1950, she and her father went into a church in the picturesque French village of Wissant for a thanksgiving Mass. "When you're at prayer, you are joined with everyone in the world who is praying," Florence's father told her. "It's the one time when you're really not alone."—*Guideposts*.

PROGRESS—27

Conservatism that opposes reforms is not conservatism but arteriosclerosis.—DOROTHY THOMPSON.

RELIGION—28

Don't let anyone argue that the old values, the real values, are gone. Real religion is as strong, as vital, as necessary as ever. Scraping trappings merely indicates a longing for less dogma, less man-made hypocrisy. — MARJORIE WILKINS CAMPBELL, "I'm Glad I'm Living Today," *Montrealer*, 6-'53.

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It is the responsibility of gov't to recognize the importance of religion as a determining force in human society, which molds the thought, the character and the attitudes of people.—JOHN A. MAC-KAY, *Presbyterian Life*.

SCIENCE—29

Total research and development expenditures by gov't and industry have increased 15 times over pre-war—from \$200 million to \$3 billion. Meantime, the free income of our non-profit foundations and univ's has been multiplied by only two, from \$45 million to only \$90 million. If we enter the inflation discount, free funds available for basic research in our univ's are no greater than before the war.—GERARD PIEL, "Human Want is Obsolete," *Sat Review*, 6-27-'53.

SCIENCE—Achievements—30

One could write a history of science in reverse by assembling the solemn pronouncements of highest authority about what could not be done and could never happen.—ROB'T HEINLEIN, *Science Digest*.

SERVICE—to Others—31

There are a great many times when you cannot find help, but there is never a time when you cannot give it.—*Nat'l Safety News*.

SEXES—32

The reason why the cave man knocked his wife down so frequently with a club was because they had no women's clubs in those days. — *Dow Diamond*, hm, Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp'n.

SPEECH—Speaking—33

When some one asked Mr Gladstone, the great English statesman and orator, the secret of his power as a public speaker, he repl'd that he poured back upon his audience in passionate speech what he drew from them in vapor.—REV WALTER L. LINGLE, *Christian Observer*.

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The prof was so boring that in one class two empty seats got up and walked out.—*Kentucky Kernel*.

TROUBLE—34

The tractor of an Oklahoma farmer broke down in the mud one day. He went to his barn for chains and a shovel. As he crossed the field a neighbor called, "Having a little trouble, Charlie?" He repl'd: "Nope—no trouble at all. I don't call anything trouble I can fix."—*Ladies' Home Jnl*.

UNITED NATIONS—35

The U S share of operating costs for the UN is dropping, and Russia's share is growing. From 39.89% 6 yrs ago, the U S share is down to 33.3%. Russia's is up from initial 6.34% to 12.28%.—*Look*.

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Good Stories.....

you can use

An old man living in a small village walked to a nearby larger town to buy some supplies at the general store. As he was making his purchases, a man connected with the local Civilian Defense organization entered the store and started to give the proprietor instructions as to what action would be necessary in the case of an air raid. Then, looking at the old man, the warden said:

"And you, sir, if you hear the siren, take cover at once."

The old man took the pipe from his mouth.

"Not me," he replied placidly. "Any sirens I hear around this town aren't for me. I'm only here to shop. I live at Brook Corner down the road a piece and them's the sirens I have to listen for."—
DAN BENNETT. a

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A ret'd school teacher returned after many yrs to the town where he had taught. There he discussed with a native the various citizens of the community who had attended his school.

"And then," said the teacher, "there was young Eddie Thomas. He was quite a 'dare-devil'."

"He still is," the native rejoined.

"At his age?" the old teacher marveled.

"Yes, haven't you heard? He's our parson."—*United Mine Workers Jnl.* b

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

WHEELER McMILLEN,
Editor, *Farm Jnl*

City students in agricultural colleges have more to learn than farm boys. At Clemson College, in S Carolina, Jim Eleazer told me about one who was asked in his examination paper to name 5 cuts of beef. He wrote: "Rib-roast, rump roast, brisket, porterhouse and pork chops." A Brooklyn boy brought up all his reasoning power when told to define a shoat (for the benefit of city readers, a young hog.) His answer: "A shoat is a cross between a sheep and a goat."

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An army lieutenant recently rec'd from his fiance a snapshot taken on a beach and showing two couples smiling contentedly while his girl sat alone at one side; forlorn and lonely. The accompanying letter explained that this was how she was fretting away the time until he ret'd.

At first the lieutenant was delighted, displaying it proudly to several fellow officers. That night, however, after studying it a long time in silence, he turned to his roommate. "Carl," he said, "I wonder who took that picture."—*Automotive Dealer News.* c



A movie fan visited a psychiatrist and said: "Doc, I'm worried. I have the entire ceiling and all the walls of my bedroom covered with Marilyn Monroe calendars."

"That doesn't prove there is anything wrong with you," said the doctor.

"But there must be," insisted the patient. "I sleep on my stomach."
—ERSKINE JOHNSON, *Photoplay*. d

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A young gentleman who frequents our house signed his name to a copy of the Declaration of Independence hanging in the hall of his Alma Mater. His parents, who had to pay \$5 for the defacement, were quite distressed until he explained his reason, "I read it all through (never saw another person do it in 4 yrs) and I agreed with all the points, so I decided to sign it." — MARCELENE COX, *Ladies' Home Jnl*. e

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A bishop was making a tour of his diocese to administer confirmations and soon he became aware of the fact that there was one elderly woman who had been confirmed repeatedly in many different parishes.

"What prompted this strange deed?" he asked. "Are your sins such that you feel you need a repetition of this holy ordinance?"

"Oh, no," repl'd the old woman. "But I have heard say that it was good for my rheumatiz!"—*United Mine Workers Jnl*. f

About all that success in life really means is that instead of cussing the streetcar co you're worrying about plane reservations.
—Hartford Courant.

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Colleges: Institutions which sometimes lower entrance requirements with an end in view—not to mention promising tackles and backs. — Michigan State Normal News.

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These days, if your ship comes in, it's docked by the gov't.—Bridgeton Booster.

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Nature is an original artist—that is why she so often scorns to copy the pictures on flower-seed packets!—Joker, Copenhagen.

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The ingenuity devoted to millinery would solve major problems, instead of creating minor ones.—Edwardsgram.

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People seldom think alike until it comes to buying wedding-presents.—Wall St Jnl.

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The Communists are willing to consider as a "neutral" anyone who is on their side.—Pathfinder.

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Sometimes the difference between a good speaker and a poor speaker is a comfortable nap.—O A BATTISTA.

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**It's the bug season
you know!**

A young centipede came home crying. "What is the matter, dear?" asked his mother.

"A beastly man trod on one of my feet," he wailed.

His mother consoled him, "I'll rub it and make it better. Which foot is it?"

"I don't know," whimpered the young centipede. "I can only count up to 10."—*Pourquoi Pas? Brussels.*

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A six-year-old kept asking his busy father what goes "Ninety-nine *bonk*, ninety-nine *bonk*." After some min's of this the impatient parent said, "All right, I give up—what does?"

"A centipede with a wooden leg!" announced the boy triumphantly.—FRANCES RODMAN. g

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A cute gal elevator operator, exposed for the umteenth time to the remark, "I suppose you have your ups and downs," snapped back, "It's not the ups and downs that bother me. It's the jerks!"—BILL KENNEDY, *Los Angeles Herald Express.* h

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Not long ago, a 3rd-grade teacher asked her class who made the first American flag. A little girl promptly offered her answer: "Betty Crocker." — *Modern Mill-wheel*, hm, Gen'l Mills Inc. i

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The late and greatly beloved Metropolitan Opera star Grace Moore was talking shop with Ethel Merman.

"I've spent a fortune learning to sing," said Grace, "and every time I hear *you* I want my money back. Your diction is perfect, your projection apparently limitless. But you break *all* the laws of nature. Not once tonight did I see you breathe. You don't seem to breathe from your chest or your abdomen. What do you breathe from?"

"Necessity," said Merman.

"But surely you've taken lessons," Grace insisted.

"No," quoth Ethel, "With me breathing seemed to come natural."—HARRY EVANS, "I Remember Madam." *Family Circle*, 7-'53. j

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A memorandum on a phone call was handed to a local businessman by his sec'y. "I can't read this," he said. "I couldn't understand him very well," said the sec'y. "so I didn't write it very clearly."—*New Yorker.* k

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Two boxing managers were discussing the forthcoming fight. "At the end of the 2nd round," said one, "your man will hit mine and he will go down for the count."

"No, no," expostulated the other. "Not in the 2nd round; in the 7th or 8th. We mustn't cheat the public."—*Illustrated Wkly of India.* l

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"Grandma," asked the small one, "were you a little girl like me once?"

"Yes, dear."

"Then I suppose," countered the child, "you know how it feels to get an ice cream cone when you don't expect it."—*Edwardsgram.* m

Little Susan saw her mother's new evening gown, which had just been delivered.

"Oh, Mummy, how lovely!" she cried. "Will you wear it tonight?"

"No, dear, not tonight," repl'd her mother. "This is for when ladies and gentlemen come to dinner."

"Oh, Mummy, do let's pretend just for once that daddy's a gentleman," pleaded the child.—*Tatler.* n



No Castles

In Czechoslovakia, Communist children don't build sand castles when they play, but "smelting furnaces" and "power plants."—News item.

Since castles smack of royalty
And might cast doubt on loyalty
And have no place in Marx,
You'll find no children building
Such gewgaws and such gilding
At beaches or in parks.

Instead, with little shovel,
With burrow and with grovel,
With imitative zeal,
Intent, not helter-skelter,
They build themselves a smelter
And hope to turn out steel.

But this is not the worst of it.
By far the most accursed of it
Is that in countries where
They build with funless hand now
No castles in the sand, now
They build none in the air.



The following story is making the rounds behind the Iron Curtain: the Russian Gen'l Staff was in session in the Kremlin, debating the plan for the conquest of Europe.

"Switzerland will be a hard nut to crack," one gen'l said. "The Swiss can stop our advance with a most peculiar method."

"What can that illiputian nation come up with?" Stalin asked, in ironic tones.

"Just this," the Red Army expert explained. "The Swiss watch factories only need to scatter their stocks along the invasion rds in front of our troops and they'll have us fighting each other!"—*Aftonbladet, Stockholm.*

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The current shortage of meat and vegetables in E Germany has given rise to a flock of jokes. One such joke relates a conversation between two housewives.

First housewife: "Have you noticed that when you buy a pig's head at the butcher's, the tongue is always missing?"

Second housewife: "That's right, they cut the tongue off."

"But why?"

"To make sure it doesn't tell where the rest of the meat has gone." — JOHN B CRANE, *Omaha World-Herald.*

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Quote-ettes

HARRY S TRUMAN, commenting on Syngman Rhee, S Korean president: "I like the old man; he's a patriot." 1-Q-t

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CHRISTINE JORGENSEN, after a conf with Dr Alfred Kinsey, director of the Institute for Sexual Research at Indiana Univ: "I see nothing sensational in this instance. Thousands of other women have given the Institute similar rep'ts." 2-Q-t

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Mrs E W LYMAN, Lincoln, Neb, celebrating her 102nd b'day: "I just kept hanging on, hoping to see a Republican in the White House once more." 3-Q-t

SECOND CLASS MATTER

News of the **NEW**

"Speak-Easy" a new invention for speakers consists of a handy pocket-size magni-section with guide, plus sturdy speaker's practice lecturn. The precision magni-section with three times magnification, mentally focuses the desired am't of typed, written or printed mat'l for natural "eyes-up-delivery" without hesitation or pause. The guide permits portions of the speech to be used as needed. (*Speak-Easy, Dept LPP, Box 565, Hartsville, S C*)

The "Time Compressor" a machine that can take a recorded speech and, in a play-back, decrease or increase the am't of time consumed by the original. This is done without the usual

distortions accompanying change of speed. Practical uses: tailoring radio programs and commercials to fit exact time; speeding up "talking books" for the blind to present information faster than previously. Conferences, conversations, and airport control directions can be recorded on less tape and reviewed in less time. (*Dun's Review, 290 Broadway, N Y, N Y*)

Portable machine for speakers; mss is written on a continuous length of paper which, when inserted into machine, will roll to a new section as the speaker pushes the control button. (*Roll-a-Talk Co, 11302 E Jefferson Ave, Detroit, Mich*)

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